

Munich, June 15, 2021

Letter of reference for SAVE Wildlife Conservation Fund Foundation

Dear Sir or Madam,

already in 1992 a journey with my own jeep took me via Windhoek to Botswana in the Central Kalahari, to Maun in the Okavango Delta, to the Moremi and Chobe National Parks to the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, via the Caprivi Strip to the Etosha Pan and back to Windhoek. A dream came true and the desire grew to support the wonderful nature of Africa and its conservation.

When I heard about the SAVE Wildlife Foundation in 2011 and got to know Lars Gorschlüter personally, his enthusiasm and his enormous commitment, I finally had the opportunity to do something meaningful for nature and species conservation, not only in Africa. From then on, I supported various projects as a donor, such as the doctoral thesis of biologist Thorsten Bohm, which was made possible for him by SAVE Wildlife. His research on hyenas in the Congo provides valuable knowledge about the protection of this unique and unfortunately often negatively valued animal, which plays such an important role for diversity and biological balance. Furthermore, I supported an eagle owl project in Germany with my companies GZFA GmbH and König & Weiß Dentaltechnik.

Over the years, my main concern became the support of the valuable work of SAVE for educational projects of disadvantaged children in Botswana. The successful approach of providing these children with a combination of school and environmental education as well as health care is, in my opinion, the most sustainable key to the conservation of nature and wildlife as well as poverty alleviation. It opens up opportunities for the children to experience the value of their own wonderful environment; at the same time, it opens up avenues for career opportunities in ecotourism and wildlife and species conservation, thus providing pathways out of poverty. The extinction of wildlife and the destruction of their habitat can only be stopped with the involvement of the local population, if they learn about and appreciate the benefits of their natural resources and thus gain a perspective for the future.

My wife and I could convince ourselves of the professionalism of Lars Gorschlüter's work during our visit to the children's village "Bana Ba Ditlou" in Kasane in 2017. Within the framework of the "S-A-F-A-R-1 - Congress" for dentists, which we specifically took to Botswana, we supported the "Children of the Elephants" as patrons. All participants were impressed by the commitment of the local staff, who reported on the harrowing everyday life of the many AIDS orphans who are given a chance for education and a better life in the children's village. It is worth taking a look at the website - <https://www.s-a-f-a-r-i.de/>.

What I particularly appreciate about SAVE is that I can be sure that my donation does not get lost in a non-transparent bureaucracy, but actually reaches the projects and the people in need. Lars Gorschlüter and his team enjoy my complete trust here.

Therefore, the SAVE Wildlife Conservation Fund Foundation remains for me an absolutely unique showcase project, worthy of any possible support and promotion in every respect.

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